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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR

CONTROLLING ADDITIONS OF POWDER MATERIALS INTO THE BATH OF AN ELECTROLYTIC CELL INTENDED FOR ALUMINIUM PRODUCTION

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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